PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 2, "Pharmacist Licenses," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment was approved at the June 26, 2013, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendment provides that a license to practice pharmacy that has been issued by a state or U.S. territory with which Iowa has a reciprocal agreement for license transfer may be used as the basis for a license transfer to practice pharmacy in Iowa. Rule 657—2.9(147,155A) currently requires that a license transfer shall only be based on a license by examination. The proposed amendment further requires that the license upon which a transfer is based must be in good standing at the time of the application for license transfer and at the time the license transfer is finalized.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendment not later than 4:30 p.m. on August 13, 2013. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by e-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.44, 147.49, 147.53, and 155A.7. The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 657—2.9(147,155A) as follows:

657—2.9(147,155A) Licensure by license transfer/reciprocity. An applicant for license transfer/reciprocity must be a pharmacist licensed by examination in a state or territory of the United States with which Iowa has a reciprocal agreement, and the license by examination upon which the transfer is based must be in good standing at the time of the application and license transfer. All candidates shall take and pass the MPJE, Iowa Edition, as provided in subrule 2.1(1). Any candidate who fails to pass the examination shall be eligible for reexamination as provided in rule 657—2.6(147).

2.9(1) to **2.9(5)** No change.